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Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

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Wabash to host Virtual First Friday event May 1

Wabash Marketplace will be hosting a Virtual First Friday on May 1 on Facebook from 4 to 8 p.m. Businesses will not be open to the public except for carry-out. The community is encouraged to visit the Facebook Event Page titled, "Online Event, First Friday in Wabash 5/1/20" or at the link <https://www.facebook.com/events/336939347269386/>. The event will also be linked from the Facebook Page "First Friday-Wabash, Indiana." For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

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46 Peabody Retirement Community employees have now tested positive for COVID-19

ISDH adds 10 more Wabash County cases to the local total Wednesday

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, Rod Craft, executive director of the Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, stated a total of 46 employees have tested positive for COVID-19 thus far.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Craft stated they, like many senior living

communities nationwide, has been preparing for the COVID-19 pandemic for several months.

"Our proactive approach includes following all local, regional and national guidelines, including those from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services," he stated. Craft stated "out of an abun-

dance of caution" they had chosen to proactively test all of their more than 350 employees.

"Proactively testing all employees allows us to see if there is someone who might be positive but asymptomatic. We believe early identification of the virus will help us to best protect our entire community," he stated.

Craft stated they began proactive testing of our employees Tuesday, April 21.

"Those employees (who tested positive) are self-isolating at home, and we wish

them a full and rapid recovery. We will continue to share any new positive cases with our residents, families, employees and appropriate county health officials," he stated.

Craft stated starting this week, they would also begin voluntarily testing all residents in their community.

"This will enable us to identify any positive resident cases before the individual shows signs or symptoms which will help us implement any additional precautions to stop the spread of the virus. We have communicated with res-

idents about this process and will share the results of those tests once that information becomes available," he stated.

Craft stated they were working closely with the LCS Risk Management and Health Services Clinical teams, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), the CDC the Wabash County Health Department – and those of surrounding counties..

"We know that COVID-19 can be difficult to contain and highly contagious. Also, the

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Trine recognizes Lagro native for academic achievement



Jacklyn Peas was honored as one of the first Ketner Pioneers during the 2018-19 school year for an internship she completed with Merrill's Detector Dog Services, based in Maine. She worked with the Miami Heat, training dogs and working NBA games, including the NBA All-Star game.

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Trine University celebrates Distinguished Students for Class of 2020

STAFF REPORT

Jacklyn Peas, a management major from Lagro, representing the Ketner School of Business, was recently recognized as one of the Distinguished Students of the Trine University Class of 2020, according to James Tew, senior director of content and communications.

Peas is graduating from Trine University in only three years with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Her extracurricular activities have included Phi Eta Sigma, intramural sports and the Trine University Bass Club.

She was honored as one

of the first Ketner Pioneers during the 2018-19 school year for an internship she completed with Merrill's Detector Dog Services, based in Maine. She worked with the Miami Heat, training dogs and working NBA games, including the NBA All-Star game. This followed a previous internship with Merrill's Detector Dogs where she learned how to properly care for detection dogs and train them.

While in Angola, she worked at the Fremont Dog Lodge. Once she graduates, she will operate the new business she founded with her mother, Heaven Scent

K9, to continue working with detection dogs.

Robert B. Stewart Award

Trine University also named Jenna Niemeyer, an English education major from Hoagland, the winner of the Robert B. Stewart Award for the Class of 2020.

The Robert B. Stewart Award is presented to the graduate who most clearly exemplifies the traditions and values of Trine University through achievement in scholarship, leadership and citizenship. Each academic school at Trine nominates a graduating senior for this award; Niemeyer repre-

sented the Franks School of Education.

Niemeyer earned a cumulative 4.0 grade point average at Trine. Franks School of Education Anthony Kline, Ph.D., said, "Trine faculty and clinical educators in area schools rave of her dedication, passion and effectiveness in all she does."

During her junior year, she was the lone undergraduate to make it through a professorial review process to present at the 33rd Midwest Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Spring Conference. Conference presenters

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Free mental health resource available from FSSA during COVID-19 crisis

Website curated from mental health experts across the state

STAFF REPORT

On Monday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced that the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has launched a new website, BeWellIndiana.org, that will provide Hoosiers with free mental health resources that have been vetted by experts, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

"The site is designed to help with the increase in

anxiety, depression and other mental health issues caused by the pandemic, including both first-time issues as well as pre-existing mental health concerns," stated Hoffmeyer. "Initially, BeWellIndiana.org will focus on the various mental health challenges due to COVID-19, but will continue to evolve as a resource beyond the current crisis. Hoosiers can visit BeWellIndiana.org to find trusted resources curated by FSSA's Division of Mental Health and Addiction, including information ranging from coping mechanisms, crisis counseling, how to self-monitor for signs of stress, domestic violence resources, sub-

stance use disorder and recovery, and tips for helping children, youth and teens. Videos featuring medical experts, persons in recovery and other practicing Indiana clinicians addressing specific mental health topics are also available on the site.

Hoffmeyer stated resources and recommendations range from homeschooling tips, ways to work from home, information on coping with a job loss, and addressing medical questions and concerns.

"The site also includes resources for Hoosiers seeking help with insurance, unemployment, child care, food insecurity, and more. Experts

agree that one of the best ways to cope throughout this crisis is by staying informed and taking care of yourself and others as safe as possible," she stated.

"For Hoosiers experiencing an increase in anxiety, mood swings, loss of sleep, change in sleep, uncertainty and more, BeWellIndiana.org also provides a link to simple self-assessments, offered by Mental Health America, to help users determine if they could benefit from seeking mental health support.

"The immediate results provide a quick snapshot of your mental health and are not to be used as a medical diagnosis."

11 Wabash businesses to receive Rapid Response funding

City, Grow Wabash County award loans of up to \$7,500

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Grow Wabash County and the city of Wabash will be awarding Rapid Response loans to 11 local businesses as part of Grow Wabash County's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing and events.

"The city of Wabash and its partners, Grow Wabash County, Community Foundation of Wabash County and Wabash Marketplace are working hand in hand to help as many small business owners in Wabash and Wabash County fight through the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis," Mayor Scott Long stated. "It is imperative that we get the money into the hands of affected businesses quickly to lessen the burden

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Holcomb announces large-scale COVID-19 testing

In the first 30 days, 100,000 Hoosiers are expected to be tested

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced on Tuesday that OptumServe Health Services, powered by Logistics Health, will open sites across Indiana in the next seven days to begin large-scale testing of Hoosiers, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

In the first 30 days, 100,000 Hoosiers are expected to be tested. Testing is for any symptomatic Hoosier, close contacts of positive cases, or residents of congregate living settings.

Hoosiers can get tested without visiting a healthcare provider. State Health Commissioner Dr. Kris Box will issue a standing order for the test for any Hoosier who meets the criteria.

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Contractor picked to trace virus cases

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana will launch a more extensive effort toward notifying people possibly exposed to those with coronavirus infections that officials framed Wednesday as part of their consideration for easing statewide business restrictions. A contractor will hire 500 call center staffers who will focus on contacting people with confirmed COVID-19 infections to ask them about whom they’ve been in close contact with, then informing those people, said Dr. Kristina Box, the state health commissioner. The call center is expected to start operations

on May 11 for the contract tracing that public health experts say is needed to stem new outbreaks. Gov. Eric Holcomb has said he plans to announce Friday modifications to the stay-at-home order that has been in effect since March 25 – a time during which that state’s confirmed deaths with COVID-19 illnesses have grown from 35 to the at least 964 deaths reported Wednesday. State officials are considering information such as hospitalization and death rates, along with the availability of intensive care unit beds and ventilators for those who are seriously ill, in deciding whether to lift any restrictions, Holcomb said.

The state health department has reported at least 600 new coronavirus infections per day for the past week. Box said that number could continue to grow as more testing becomes available. “When we start to open up, we expect to see more cases, which will bring more contact tracing about,” Box said. The state’s \$43 million contract is for a year with Virginia-based Maximus, which provides services for health-care and other programs for many states and the federal government. Box said the company was selected among seven that submitted proposals because of its ability to start the tracing program quickly and its experience with the state.

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are typically higher education faculty and some graduate students. She spoke about a website she and another student created to incorporate socio-emotional learning (SEL) and English language arts (ELA) instruction and received very positive feedback from the approximately 30 people who attended. Her passion for social and emotional learning also led to her taking an independent study to create her podcast, where she interviewed state and national leaders on the topic. She also joined a Franks School of Education faculty member in a spotlighted session at the Indiana ISTE educational technology conference. Niemeyer has earned Google Educator Certification during her time at Trine. On campus, she served as a senator for Trine’s student government. She was director of academic success, Tau honor delegate and bylaw committee member for the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. She won multiple first-place recognitions in the Cunningham Writing contest. She was a Humanities and Communication Media Team staff writer and consultant for Trine’s Writing Center. She has served as a teen program instructor at the YMCA, math and literacy tutor for local families, summer intern in Project Transformation in a low-income neighborhood in urban Tennessee, and program assistant for a local after-school program. She recently was named a 2020 Indy 500 Festival Princess, where she will participate in statewide outreach to nursing homes, sports teams, hospitals and non-profits.

Other students also recognized

Other Trine University Distinguished Students included Robert Dick, a chemistry major from Lawrence, Michigan, representing the Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences; Brooke Hardy, a chemical engineering major from Wauseon, Ohio, representing the Allen School of Engineering and Computing; Madison Sanderson, a communication major from Leo, representing the Jannen School of Arts and Sciences; and Sheri Bough-

ton, a psychology major from Sturgis, Michigan, representing the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Dick has been accepted into seven different graduate schools across the country for Ph.D. programs in chemistry. He participated in undergraduate summer research opportunities at Northern Illinois University and the University of Cincinnati and is completing a senior research project at Trine University. He is credited as a co-author in an article published in the Journal of Materials Chemistry. He has presented his work five different times, including twice in Trine University’s STEM Symposium, where he received honors both times. Consistently named to Trine University’s President’s List, he serves as president of the university’s ACS Chemistry Club. He is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, the Trine University Marching Band, Trine University Wind Ensemble, Trine University Bridge Club and Trine University Magic the Gathering Club. He served as vice president for Trine’s Gay Straight Alliance. He also has served as a judge for the Northeast Indiana Tri-State Regional Science Fair. Hardy, who earned a 4.0 grade point average, is planning a career in the pharmaceutical industry and will continue working for Pfizer, where she previously completed two internships, in its Rotational Development Program upon graduation. She also completed an internship for North Star BlueScope Steel, LLC in Delta, Ohio, while at Trine. She has served as principal flutist and drum major in Trine University’s marching band, where she increased the member retention rate by 50 percent by implementing engaging marching warm-up procedures. She is president of Trine’s Bridge Club, which tripled its membership this year and placed 14th last year in national collegiate competition. She has served as vice president of operations of the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, where she helped create the Gigi’s Playhouse Crazy Christmas Sweater 5K fundraiser. She also has been part of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, where she was the Jeopardy team captain and competed nationally at the

first Chem esports simulation; Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society; Alpha Chi Honor Society; Omega Chi Epsilon Chemical Engineering Honor Society, where she served as treasurer; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; and the Chemical Engineering Society. Hardy was named Trine University’s 2019 Homecoming queen. Sanderson earned the Outstanding ECO Center Intern award for her work with Earth Fest as an intern for Trine University’s Art Eberhardt Environmental and Community Outreach Center. She also has completed summer internships with Ambassador Enterprises and the Indiana Republican Party and will rejoin the Indiana Republican Party following graduation in a full-time position with its fundraising and finance committee. She placed second in the academic writing category in this year’s Cunningham Writing contest, and her capstone presentation depicted how she was able to use skills gained in courses and apply them to the workforce in terms of fundraising events, publications and multimedia productions. She was a member of Trine’s Women’s Soccer Team, where she was named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll and attended the NCAA Student Athlete Leadership Forum. She also served as vice president of Trine’s Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She was president of Trine’s student government this past year, and is a member of the Skull and Bones Society and SPEAK for the Earth. She also has volunteered with Walk Into My Future and Special Olympics of Steuben County. Boughton will graduate summa cum laude and is focusing on substance abuse counseling within her psychology degree. She is married and has three grown children, one of whom is also graduating from Trine, and two grandchildren. She served several years as a reserve deputy sheriff before taking time off as a stay-at-home mom. She returned to work helping individuals with developmental disabilities and those experiencing mental illness. For the past 10 years, she has been executive director of the not-for-profit St. Joe Community Co-op. She also volunteers with her local United Way Chapter.

cuts and/or other expenses incurred due to COVID-19 and the resulting restrictions. Grow Wabash County will offer a second round of applications for the Rapid Response loans. Boulrisse stated further details regarding this second round of applications will be announced soon. “We received several additional inquiries from interested businesses for this program as well as for our traditional Revolving Loan Fund, so I expect interest will be there for a second round of funding,” stated Gillenwater. “We still have some of the money that the city set aside for the program that was not allocated in Round 1 of the Rapid Response loans. We also want to gauge the interest in the program as we have identified some additional potential avenues that we could utilize if the demand outstrips the available funds.” Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

5-Day Weather Summary

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Showers Likely	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Chance Showers
51 / 41	61 / 46	70 / 55	67 / 46	62 / 45

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:44 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:45 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
4/30	5/7	5/14	5/22

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers, high temperature of 51°, humidity of 69%. Northwest wind 14 to 18 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of showers, overnight low of 41°. Northwest wind 9 to 16 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 35°.

Parent must clue in kids to realities of losing job

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have been giving my kids an allowance since they were little – not a lot of money, but consistent money. Now that I have lost my job and unemployment has not kicked in yet, I’m worried about how to keep up this simple practice. Obviously it’s more pressing to make sure there is enough food to eat, but I don’t want to walk away from the stability that I created in the family. Should I lower the amount but still give them something that shows my good intentions? My kids are 10 and 12. They know about the coronavirus, but do I tell them about what it means that I have lost my job? I don’t want to scare them, but I do need to manage their expectations. – What To Say

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR WHAT TO SAY: Everybody has to deal with reality. That includes your children. They don’t need all of the details, but they are old enough to learn that you have lost your job and that resources are tight. You can let them know that you do not have income right now, so they don’t have income either. When unemployment begins, you may choose to give them a much-reduced allowance. Explain why it is at a lower amount, and talk to them about how they can be part of the family unit during this time. Encourage them to avoid spending money on unnecessary items. Assign them to household tasks and other duties so that they see how their focused action helps to support the family. If you behave as if you all are in this together, they will gain a clearer view of reality and understand the circumstances better.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I am being bombarded with phone calls from all kinds of companies promising to give me a low-interest loan or suggesting I refinance my house or lower my auto insurance. All of these things sound great, given what’s going on in the world right now, but I am nervous about responding to them. I can’t tell which of these calls are

real and which are fake. I have heard that there is a lot of fraud going on. How in the world do I figure out what is fraud and what might be a legitimate way for me to save some money? I am not internet savvy or even phone savvy. I use the computer, but I’m a senior citizen. My grands used to help me with all of this stuff, but they can’t visit now, and I don’t know how to use the smartphone. – Avoiding Fraud

DEAR AVOIDING FRAUD: You do have to be extremely careful now with random callers and emails that offer deals. Fraud causes are up exponentially, according to many reports. For starters, if you want to reduce the cost of any of your bills, you should initiate the call. Find the phone

number on your bill, and call that. Or look for the email address on your bill. That should get you directly to the source. Do not trust a random caller. Never give your date of birth, Social Security number or address to anyone who calls you. Don’t believe a deal that seems too good to be true, because chances are it isn’t real. To get help, you can reach out to the AARP. Call its fraud helpline at 877-908-3360. Or go to its website at bit.ly/34BJeHl. Harriette Cole is a lifestyleist and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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RESPONSE

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placed upon them at this time. Grow Wabash County and I continue to seek out additional funding so that we can help even more businesses in the coming weeks and months.” At the Monday, April 13 Wabash City Council Meeting, an ordinance to use \$100,000 of Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) funds to be used for Grow Wabash County’s RLF program was approved unanimously. After evaluating all of the applications, the Grow Wabash County RLF committee has awarded Rapid Response loans to the following businesses: Bellazo; Eclectic Shoppe; Ellen’s Bridal & Dress Boutique; Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill; Helping Touch Massage; Hometown Media, Inc.; Nancy J’s Fabrics; Uptown VR; Wabash CrossFit and Fitness; 380 Smokehouse & Grill; and 95.9 KISS FM – WKUZ

Radio. In response to a Plain Dealer request Tuesday, Keith Gillenwater, CEO of Grow Wabash County, stated they received 12 applications in total for the program, but one business withdrew their application. “We looked at several criteria for funding,” stated “Credit, past history, were they current on local taxes, character, capacity to repay and, frankly, was it a good investment into a business that makes our community better. “Our Revolving Loan Fund Committee really dove into these applicants to not only look to where we could make a positive impact but to also be a good investment of these dollars that the city of Wabash entrusted us with.” These recipients will receive low-interest loans of up to \$7,500 with a 1 percent interest rate for a term of 24 months. The funds may be used by the businesses for working capital, payroll expenses, preventing staffing

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Jack Branson

Private family funeral services for Jack Wayne Branson, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, were 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Bernice Pickering and the Rev. Ralph Johnson officiated.

Pallbearers were Elizabeth “Liz” Branson, Michael Williams, Jr., Mark Williams, Jeff Townsend, Jeremy Williams, Tyler Duncan, Caleb Townsend, and Jeremy Landis. Burial was in the Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

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testing process is new to all of us. We anticipate we will have more positive test results as we continue our proactive testing efforts with residents. However, we remain firm in our belief that this information is one piece of the puzzle that helps us as we make decisions to protect the health and safety of our community moving forward,” he stated.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Sunday, the state’s Joint Information Center stated the ISDH only “provides aggregate totals but will not break down cases by the facility.”

“As of Tuesday, April 21, 199 long-term care facilities have reported at least one positive case of COVID-19. A total of 993 residents and 575 staff have tested positive. To date, 162 individuals have died,” they stated at the time.

During a televised press conference Monday, Dr. Daniel Rusyniak, chief medical officer for the Indiana Family and Social Services Agency, said they would begin reporting totals every Monday related to long-term care facilities, the data for which would be collected the previous Friday.

On Monday, the ISDH reported 1,467 positive long-term care facility resident tests, with 474 of those being new. That’s around 2 percent of everyone in the state living long-term care facilities. Those results amount to 10 percent of the state’s total positive cases.

So far, there have been 260 deaths in long-term care facilities, 98 of those being new. Long-term care facility deaths amount to 32 percent of state’s total fatalities from the novel virus. In total, 85 facilities reported at least one death, 11 of those being new.

Rusyniak said families of long-term care facility residents who have additional questions should email familyoutreach@isdh.in.gov.

ISDH adds 10 more Wabash County cases

Also on Wednesday, the ISDH added 10 additional cases to Wabash County’s total number of positive COVID-19 cases. That brings

the local total to 38.

The ISDH still reported one local COVID-19-related death and provided an updated total of 166 tests.

Over the weekend, Wabash County’s number of positive cases nearly doubled from 12 on Friday to 28 by the end of Monday.

The complete list of counties with cases is included in the ISDH COVID-19 dashboard at coronavirus.in.gov. Cases are listed by county of residence. Private lab reporting may be delayed and will be reflected in the map and count when results are received at ISDH. The dashboard will be updated at noon each day.

The dashboard also has been updated to make corrections based on updated information provided to ISDH.

Statewide totals

On Wednesday, the ISDH announced that 605 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the CDC and private laboratories. That brings to 17,182 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s total.

A total of 964 Hoosiers have been confirmed to have died of COVID-19, an increase of 63 over the previous day. Another 101 probable deaths have been reported. Probable deaths are those for which a physician listed COVID-19 as a contributing cause based on X-rays, scans and other clinical symptoms but for which no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 91,550 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 87,181 on Tuesday.

Marion County had the most new cases, at 218. Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (26), Cass (27), Dearborn (13), Elkhart (14), Hamilton (19), Hendricks (13), Johnson (13), LaPorte (10), Lake (71), Noble (10), St. Joseph (18) and Wabash (10). The Lake County totals include results from East Chicago and Gary, which have their own health departments.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com.

A hotline phone number will be added soon.

Hoosiers will receive results within 48 hours on average. Results will be provided to the patient via a phone call if the test is positive or via an email or text if the test is negative.

Hoosiers will not be charged for testing and insurance is not required. If you have private health insurance, please bring that information with you.

OptumServe will collect the swabs specimens, and manage the testing and reporting of data. OptumServe is providing its own supplies, PPE, testing kits, staffing and lab — increasing Indiana’s overall testing capacity. The Indiana State Department of Health will continue to target focused testing and high-risk populations in its testing.

An estimated 4,400 more Hoosiers will be tested every day in the initial phase. Once all 50 sites are open, as many as 6,600 more Hoosiers can be tested per day.

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Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunities

■ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

■ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

■ 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

■ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty’s Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

Online absentee ballot applications must be completed, received by May 21

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot for the June 2 Primary Election. To vote absentee-by-mail, voters who qualify must complete an absentee-by-mail application. These are available online at www.IndianaVoters.com. Voters may also submit their request by mail, email or fax. The application must be completed and received by the county election board or the Indiana Election Division by May 21. After an application has been received, the voter will be mailed a Primary Election ballot. The voter must then complete the ballot, and return it to the county election board by noon Election Day, June 2.

Mural festival

seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at www.NElmuralfestival.com and are open through the end of May.

Wabash Kiwanis

Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled from March 14 to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email keaf.faberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Dia De Lagro rescheduled due to COVID-19 concerns

Dia De Lagro, which was originally set for Tuesday, May 5, has been rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Comedian and Wabash County celebrity, Michael Palascak, is set to bring laughter to Lagro as the headliner of the event, which will benefit the revitalization of downtown Lagro. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple

or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com. For more information, email aeads4725@gmail.com or call 260-571-2428.

MU offers free, online pharmacy camp

Manchester University has moved its summer pharmacy camp online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. High school and college students considering pharmacy as a career are invited to attend MU Virtual Pharmacy Week, July 14 to 17. It is free, and any student with an interest in the health sciences is welcome. The deadline to sign up is July 12. More information is available at www.manchester.edu/virtualpharmacyweek. For questions regarding MU Virtual Pharmacy Week, email pharmacy@manchester.edu.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)IMAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride — Sunday, Sept. 13 — and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

MU moves 2020 Commencement to fall

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement. Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

BMV: Closed until further notice. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or

julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.

Division of Family Resources:

Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits.in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

Farm Service Agency:

County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended until further notice.

Living Well in Wabash County:

The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

Manchester Community Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.

Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed.

MSD: Closed through the rest of the school year.

The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory.

North Manchester Public Library: Closed until further notice. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/ and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us, call 260-982-4773 or visit www.nman.lib.in.us.

St. Bernard School: Closed through the rest of the school year.

Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed until further notice. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email warew@wabash.lib.in.us or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary.

Wabash City Hall: Closed through at least 8 a.m. Monday, May 4. All public meetings postponed. Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash.com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will

be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.

Wabash City Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit www.wabashcounty.in.gov or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

Woman’s Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until further notice.

New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. “Finding Neverland” has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series “Opus Two,” Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Opinion

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

"The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy."

Proverbs 12:22

Coronavirus lockdown protests risk your health and slow reopening

It is hard to decide what is more troubling during the new coronavirus crisis, the angry protesters demanding that businesses be reopened, or the handful of governors who seem captive to their premature demands.

Many protesters have ignored public health edicts, exposed themselves and others to COVID-19, and put our nation's hodgepodge efforts to mitigate the pandemic at risk.

They could be dismissed as the fed-up eruptions of a relative few. But their demonstrations are large enough that one or more could be the conduit for a regional escalation of the coronavirus. They are without doubt infecting certain politicians, who are spreading the disease to others in the form of plans to reopen businesses before it is safe to do so.

Florida and Georgia, two states where Trump-allied governors have announced reopening plans, might not have reached a peak in the spread of the disease, let alone the 14 days of decline specified in White House guidelines. In both states, the number of new coronavirus cases has trickled up again in recent days after showing some modest progress.

Kentucky, which has not announced any plans to reopen, experienced its worst COVID-19 day on Sunday, after boisterous protesters poured into the state capital of Frankfort last week.

Americans are blessed with rights of speech and assembly,

but they are not given rights to put others at risk of falling ill and even dying.

No one likes the stay-at-home orders and the edicts that restaurants, entertainment venues and other public spaces remain closed. The economic harm is real and enormous. Nonetheless, in the absence of a vaccine or proven treatment for COVID-19, the restrictions are effective and necessary for the time being.

Had states acted earlier, not only would the death count be lower now, but also the leading-edge states would likely be seeing their numbers dropping faster and would be able to contemplate some limited reopening without inviting a second wave.

A rush to reopen now could mean that case declines in the early and hard-hit states like California, New York and Louisiana are offset by increasing numbers in the more cavalier states. The virus doesn't recognize state lines. What happens in Georgia doesn't necessarily stay in Georgia.

Premature reopenings could push back the real date at which the nation's economy can recover, which is not when politicians decree it but when most everyday Americans feel safe going into restaurants, getting on airplanes and such.

In addition to being hazardous to public health, the lockdown protests reflect a sorry strain of contemporary American conservatism. When Ronald Reagan was president, conservatism was brash,

confident and very much in the ascendancy. Now it is increasingly angry, defensive and disinterested in reason.

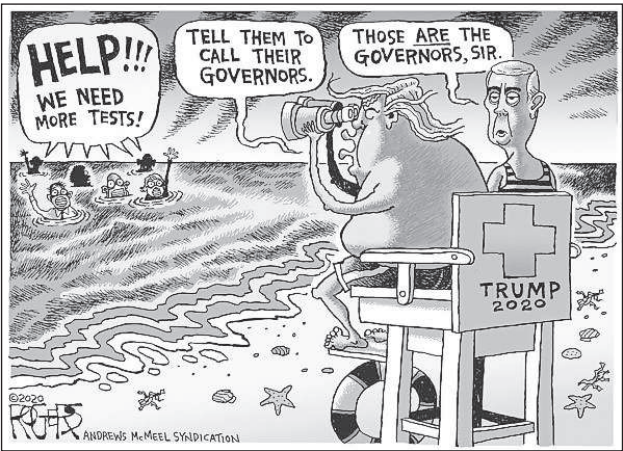
At a rally in Austin, Texas, protesters were shouting, "Fire Fauci!" The government's top expert on infectious disease, Dr. Anthony Fauci, has rankled some because he delivers sound, science-based answers, not false hope or political spin.

In Lansing, Michigan, protesters blocked streets that ambulances need to get to and from a nearby hospital. In Kentucky, they drowned out the governor trying to hold a news briefing on the pandemic's latest developments. And in multiple locations they've shown up brandishing firearms.

News reports suggest that many of the protests aren't spontaneous but have backing from groups, endowed by a few wealthy individuals, that try to create popular uprisings around far-right principles, or at least make it look like these principles have more support than they do.

Enough already. Enough of these people doing public harm while wrapping themselves in First Amendment (and Second Amendment) garb. Enough of right-wing billionaires trying to manipulate public opinion. And enough of politicians playing the role of puppets when they should be leading. As New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo put it Wednesday, April 22, "This is no time to act stupidly. Period."

— This editorial was first published in USA Today.



Reopening won't mean a return to normal

Observation these past couple of months confirms that there are two types of pandemic people – those who follow the rules and those who don't.

How this breaks down exactly is hard to know, though certain assumptions are fairly safe. Hardest-hit areas naturally would tend to be more attentive to social distancing, while people

in states or regions with lower infection and death rates from COVID-19 might understandably be less patient with government-ordered behavior modification.

Everyone wants to return to normal, which doesn't only mean getting back to work and reviving the economy. Mostly, people just want to be able to hug again, to see their friends and family, to make a dash to the store without having to think about gloves, masks and sanitizers.

And yet my sense from talking with dozens of people is that many Americans don't plan to return to regular order any time soon, no matter what the politicians say.

I'm one of them. Obviously, everyone's experience with the pandemic has been different. People in urban areas who've been stuck in apartments with or without others may feel like their heads will explode if they don't escape soon. In some places, including here along the South Carolina coast, people have hardly slackened their pace. The path I take for morning walks is busy with cyclists, walkers, runners and golf carts, though nearly all make efforts to maintain a safe distance.

Although South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster on

Monday extended our state of emergency for 15 more days, last week he reopened retail shops and gave local governments authority to reopen public beaches. Not that it matters much. Many stores remain closed and some counties along the coast voted to continue the beach ban anyway. Retailers, meanwhile, have adopted their own policies. A few stores require shoppers to don masks and gloves before entering. Publix leaves it up to shoppers; The Fresh Market requires masks but not gloves. The General Store, a boutique grocer that carries organic meats and vegetables, requires that you put on a pair of their gloves over yours. I don't mind.

That's because rule-abiders like me happily keep six feet away from other shoppers and pay attention to aisles that are clearly marked one-way to avoid face-to-face encounters. Then there are the others – no mask, no gloves, oblivious to directional instructions. These rebels also tend to follow behind others too closely.

They go the wrong way up a one-way aisle. I hold them in contempt and try to keep away.

These inconsiderate offenders belong to the school that thinks our national response to the virus has been overblown, despite extensive data that social distancing works to tamp down contagion. They seem not to care, or understand, that the masks are worn primarily to protect others, not oneself. Given that estimates of up to half of those with COVID-19 don't know they are infected, exposing your face in the time of pandemic is equivalent to saying you don't care about other people.

Suffice to say, I'm a rules gal. Oh, I'll sometimes merge without hitting the blinker – or occasionally toss a beer can into the regular trash – but when it

comes to plagues, I'm all in. The family obsessive-compulsive gene did not skip my mother's womb while I was in residence. My paws are so dry from hundreds of 20-second scrubblings, I could sand a barn bare-handed. My front hall table, once a display of rare objects and heavy books, is now a repository for masks, gloves, medicinal sprays and gels.

Experts who study such things say it takes about 66 days to form a new (good) habit. Not surprisingly, you can form a bad one in two days. Having been following The Rules now for about nine weeks, my pandemic persona is fully formed and unlikely to change until my right arm has been punctured with a COVID-19 vaccine.

My cohort of friends and family report likewise. Which probably means that some percentage of the population will be masked and gloved indefinitely, uncomfortable with more change until whatever future awaits us unfolds. It is probably only fair to report that my masks have a pink fringe stapled along the top.

Generalizations are, needless to say, a columnist's last resort, but I feel safe in predicting that normal isn't coming back, at least not as we've defined it before. Germany is installing mask vending machines. Etiquette books may soon feature social distancing as good manners. Sanitizers undoubtedly will be repackaged in amulets, charms and decorative bottles. It's likely that first dates on Zoom have already become a Best Practice. The world changes. We learn and adapt. Most of us survive. The rule breakers will always be with us. But it would be much more helpful if everyone would play by the rules a while longer. Every life depends on it.

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LETTERS

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It's when, across the state and nation, we reflect with our partners on our collective progress and how we move forward together.

We recognize that we are in unprecedented times as we respond to COVID-19 and alter the course of our lives. Yet, we also recognize that sexual violence continues to impact Hoosiers, even amid this pandemic. While the methods of working with clients have adapted, the commitment of all sexual assault advocates has not wavered. Not for one minute. Their work does not stop because neither does sexual violence.

The statistics are alarming. According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, one in five Hoosier women have been sexually assaulted; Indiana ranks fourth highest in the nation for the number of reported rapes among high school girls and sixth highest in the nation for the number of boys raped during high school; across our nation nearly half, 50 percent, of LGBTQI citizens are sexually assaulted. Sadly, here in Indiana, 85 percent of all assaults go unreported.

These numbers are simply unacceptable. We must be better.

At Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking (ICESAHT), we empower Indiana communities to prevent sexual assault and human trafficking and serve those impacted through comprehensive training, advocacy, public awareness, and coordinated sexual assault and human trafficking services. We are working to ensure that appropriate, victim centered, trauma informed services are in place statewide; that laws and funding are in place that support victims and hold perpetrators accountable; and, continue to expand statewide primary prevention initiatives.

We're proud we have more than doubled the number of Rape Crisis Centers in Indiana. Only three served ten Indiana counties in 2015; now there are 12 serving 44 counties. We expect to add four more centers this year. We are also increasing the number of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) where prosecutors, law enforcement, advocates and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners approach sexual assault cases through a victim centered lens.

If you or someone you know has been assaulted, or if the trauma from a previous sexual assault is surfacing, please visit our website at www.icesaht.org to find a Rape Crisis Center close to you.

Equally as important as increasing and enhancing services, is the expansion of primary prevention strategies that focus on the root causes of sexual violence to end it.

Sexual violence is 100 percent preventable. We must start with believing survivors. Statistics indicate that 92 percent to 98 percent of victims are telling the truth. Rape is the only crime in which victims are more scrutinized than the rapist: "What were you wearing," "Had you been drinking," "What did you think would happen?" We blame the victim instead of holding the perpetrator accountable.

We are making progress and are grateful to all our partners who make the coalition work including the State of Indiana, colleges and universities, the medical and legal communities, law enforcement, non-profit and advocacy organizations, service providers, and community leaders, citizens and our philanthropic partners.

There is so much more work to do, because sexual assault awareness and prevention goes beyond April. We're asking you to become an ally in our vision of a state without sexual violence.

Tracey Horth Krueger
Chief Executive Officer,
Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking

HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 30, the 121st day of 2020. There are 245 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 30, 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Cloris Leachman is 94. Singer Willie Nelson is 87. Actor Burt Young is 80. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is 74. Movie director Allan Arkush is 72. Actor Perry King is 72. Singer-musician Wayne Kramer is 72. Singer Merrill Osmond is 67. Movie director Jane Campion is 66. Movie director Lars von Trier is 64. Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is 61. Actor Paul Gross is 61. Basketball Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas is 59. Country musician Robert Reynolds is 58. Actor Adrian Pasdar is 55. Rock singer J.R. Richards (Dishwalla) is 53. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 53. Rock musician Clark Vogeler is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris "Choc" Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 49. Rock musician Chris Henderson (3 Doors Down) is 49. Country singer Carolyn Dawn Johnson is 49. Actress Lisa Dean Ryan is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Akon is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 47. Actor Johnny Galecki is 45. Singer-musician Cole Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 44. Actor Sam Heughan is 40. Actor Kunal Nayyar is 39. Rapper Lloyd Banks is 38. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 38. Country singer Tyler Wilkinson (The Wilkinson) is 36. Actress Dianna Agron is 34. Country singer Brandon Lancaster is 31. Rapper/producer Travis Scott is 29.

On this date:

In A.D. 311, shortly before his death, Roman Emperor Galerius issued his Edict of Toleration ending persecution of Christians.

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

Feud between two brothers is spilling over to their parents

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two sons in their late 30s. We always thought they got along well and loved each other. Over the past year, they are no longer speaking with each other because of hard feelings over current situations. They live in the same neighborhood.

My husband refuses to stay at either one's house now when we visit from out of town because he's so upset at the turn of events. (We have been getting a hotel room.) When I visit on my own, I stay with our older son because there is no place to stay with the younger one. The disagreement between my husband and me is I want to continue to visit as I have, understanding there are differences but hoping they will come to a solution. I refuse to choose one over the other, and I'm trying to be consistent with love and be a good role model. Both of our sons know this.

My husband is upset with me because I don't support his position of not staying at either house until they make up. This is creating more friction in a situation that is already breaking our hearts. What do you recommend? We have made our suggestions for a resolution, but these are grown men who must do the work themselves. — Mom In A Difficult Spot

DEAR MOM: I recommend you continue to do what makes you comfortable. Your sons both know you love them. If your husband thinks that your staying in a hotel — provided you can find one during the current shutdowns — will somehow manipulate your sons into settling their differences more quickly, he is mistaken. It hasn't worked so far. As you stated, your "boys" are grown men. I agree with you that they will have to hash this out on their own.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée often leaves memory cards out on his dresser after a day of being home alone. I was by myself one day and looked at them. There were photos of a nude woman wrapped in his bed sheet on his bed back in 2018. In them, she is posing. We were dating when they were taken, but not yet living together or engaged.

He dabbles in photography, but never mentioned this or informed me he was doing this shoot. I found another set from 2017 — prior to our relationship — that is not as "tastefully" done. Do I have reason for concern? I thought these things were professionally done off-site. His bedroom, though? — Uneasy In New York

DEAR UNEASY: If the photos were taken before you and your fiancée were exclusive, I doubt you have any reason to worry. However, rather than ask me if you have anything to be concerned about, any questions you have about his "dabbling" would be better addressed directly to him.

DEAR ABBY: I have a grown daughter whom my ex-husband named "Brenda." (It is her middle name.) She's married, a mother of five and lived abroad for quite some time. She's back in the U.S. now and living 50 miles away from our family. She now wants to be called by her first name, which is "Riley." The problem is, everyone here at home knows her as Brenda. Presently, I still call her Brenda. How can this be resolved? — Not Happy In The South

DEAR NOT HAPPY: Resolve this by using the name your adult daughter prefers. If you refuse, expect the distance between you to become greater than 50 miles.

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

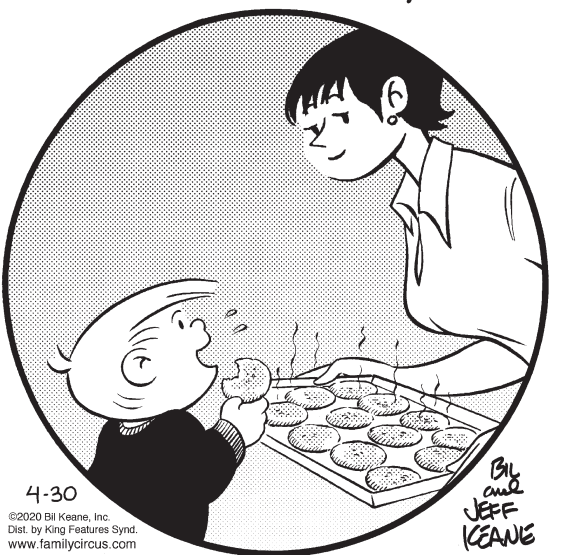
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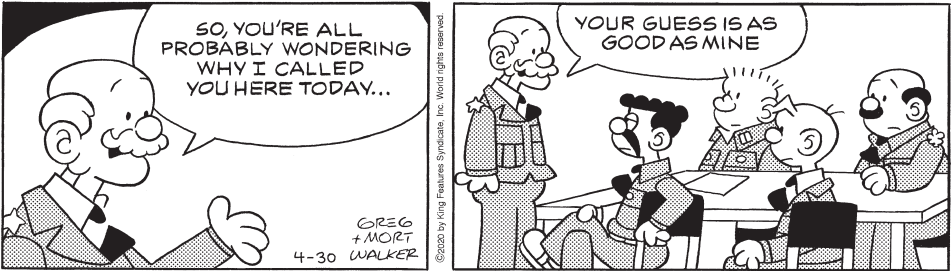
By Bil Keane



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"Mmmm! When I get to be president, I'm gonna put you in charge of cookies for the whole country!"

BEETLE BAILEY



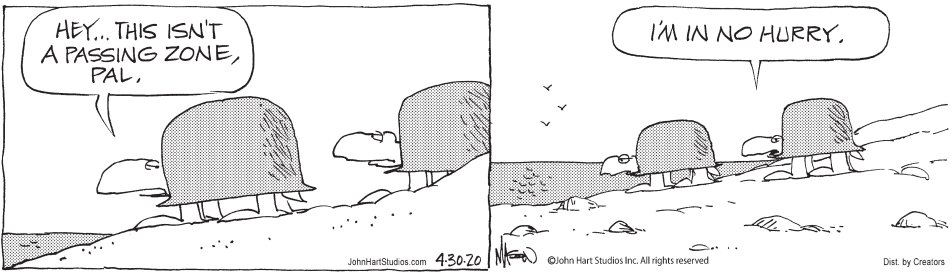
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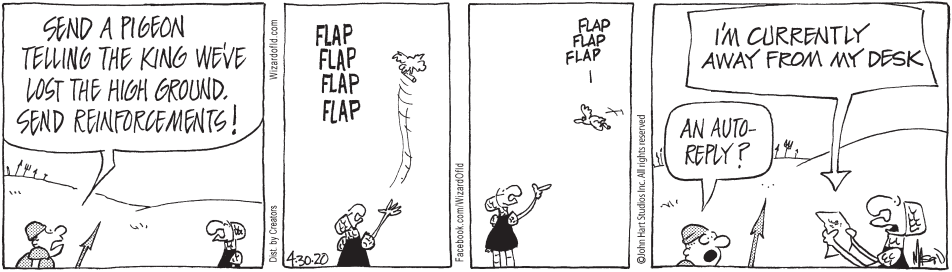
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Salvation found only in Christ Jesus

Q: It seems the debate about God being the same for all religions is taking hold with many people, yet many reject Jesus. Is the only true God the Father of Jesus and do they carry the same message? — G.J.

A: Jesus said, "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak" (John 12:49-50). He goes on to say, "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30).

There's a scarcity of spiritual water throughout the world; people thirst for it. Yet we watch people going to the wrong watering holes searching for satisfaction — something that only Jesus can pro-

vide — the Water of life. Just as we need water to drink for our physical needs, we also need spiritual water. Jesus said that the water He gives will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life (John 4:14).

God said, "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters..." (Jeremiah 2:13).

People everywhere are trying to quench their thirst; their spiritual longings are evident by all the man-made religions. There are many bibles

of various religions and they all begin with some flashes of true light, and end in utter darkness. Even the most casual observer soon discovers that the Bible is radically different. It is the only Book that offers redemption to us and points the way out of our dilemma through salvation found only in Christ Jesus.

"Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me.... He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:37-38).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"CZSH ZA FHXYVZSVC. TBHKZAB
HWHKL GUGHOJ, HWHO ZS LUV'KH
AJKHAAY ... UK EBXJOUJ.
JBHKH'A XCEXLA JUGUKKUE."
— XKZXOX MKXOYH

Previous Solution: "Find out who you are, and be that person. That's what your soul was put on this Earth to be." — Ellen DeGeneres
TODAY'S CLUE: C sienbe 1

The following items to be constructed in accordance with project plans and specifications: clearing and grubbing, earthwork, stone base, compaction, asphalt pavement for trail, two pedestrian bridges, drainage improvements, erosion control, fencing, pavement markings and signage, installation of amenities, and other incidental work. Trail bridge locations are indicated on plans as paving exceptions. Bid Packets containing copies of the Contract Documents, Specifications and Plans for the project will be available beginning April 29, 2020. Contractors may contact Dawn Kroh, phone: 317-496-5651, email: adawn@green3studio.com with questions about the bid process. Digital copies of the contract documents are available at no charge and contractors may request a copy be sent to them via email by contacting Dawn Kroh, phone: 317-496-5651, email: adawn@green3studio.com. Hard copies are not available. Contractors are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the existing conditions and the proposed location of the trail and the required level of construction. Contractors may contact Ms. Amy Ford, President, Wabash River Trail Inc., at phone: 260-571-1138, email: amymford@me.com no later than May 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to request a site tour. Each Contractor submitting a Bid is responsible for making themselves aware of site access and construction conditions associated with the location, and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the contract requirements. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids. The Owner places a high priority on contractors with proven experience with construction of this type in Wabash County. Bids must be prepared on the approved bid forms and submitted in an envelope, sealed and plainly marked on the outside "WABASH RIVER TRAIL; DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL." Bidders may contact Dawn Kroh, phone: 317-496-5651, email: adawn@green3studio.com with questions about the project.

Food

Winner winner pantry dinner

By LYNDA BALSLEV

Over the past few months, we’ve grown used to digging through our pantries for dinner inspiration. I try to view it as a fun cooking challenge and an opportunity to (finally) use the stacks of canned, jarred and frozen goods that seem to have permanently populated my cabinets or burrowed themselves into the depths of the freezer. This pasta dish is a result of my kitchen foraging. The thing is, it’s also a delicious meal, and I wonder why I haven’t made it more often.

Chances are, you already have the main ingredients – canned or jarred tuna, frozen peas and dried pasta – stashed in your kitchen. Tuna is a simple, nutritious and flavorful addition to pasta. In fact, spaghetti al tonno is an Italian classic. When possible, use a sustainably sourced tuna, and don’t shy away from tuna packed in olive oil, especially for this recipe. It’s the oil that contributes flavor and richness to the dish. Peas’ natural sweetness brightens the pasta and complements the briny

tuna. I also add fresh chile pepper. If you don’t have one, increase the amount of dried red pepper flakes to 1 teaspoon. This pantry-style dish can be on the table in 15 minutes, so add it to your repertoire of easy weeknight dinners. Shelter-in-place should not be the only time you make this recipe. It’s a keeper.

Spaghetti With Tuna, Peas and Lemon

Active Time: 15 minutes
Total Time: 15 minutes
Yield: Serves: 4

12 ounces spaghetti
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 garlic cloves, minced or pushed through a press
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1 cup frozen peas, defrosted
1 (7-ounce) can or jar of tuna, packed in olive oil, drained
1 small red jalapeno pepper, seeded, thinly sliced (optional)
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest, plus extra for garnish
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 to 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a rolling boil. Add the pasta and cook until al dente. Reserve 1/2 cup of the cooking water and drain the pasta.

While the pasta is cooking, heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes and saute until fragrant, about 1 minute, and then add the peas and saute until heated through, about 1 more minute.

Add the tuna, jalapeno (if using), lemon juice, lemon zest, salt and pepper. Turn off the heat and gently stir, without overmixing, to break up the tuna while maintaining a chunky texture (you don’t want to cook the tuna).

When the pasta is ready, add to the skillet. Over low heat, gently stir to combine and coat the spaghetti. If too dry, add some cooking water, 2 tablespoons at a time, to moisten to your taste. Divide the pasta among serving bowls. Garnish with the dill and additional lemon zest.



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Peas’ natural sweetness brightens the pasta and complements the briny tuna.

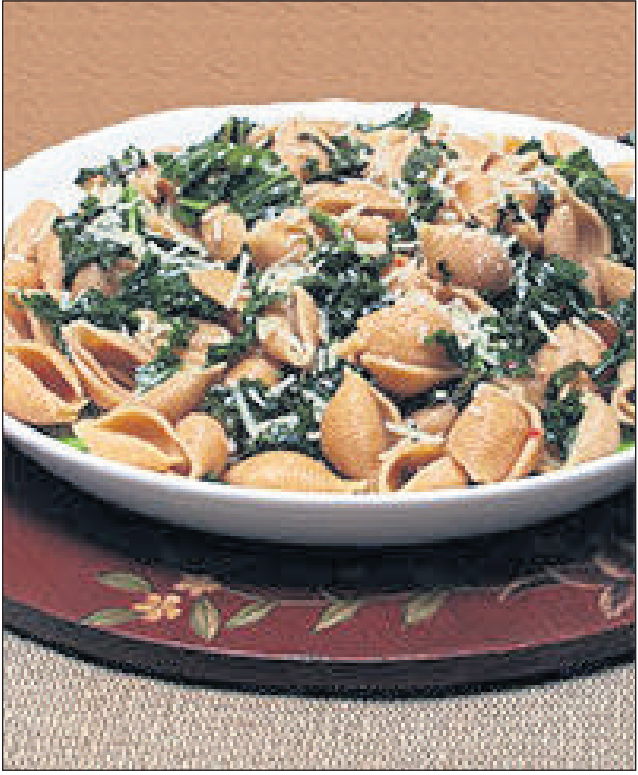
Pasta shells with garlic and kale

By THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Creamy pasta meets nutrition-packed kale in this recipe for the ultimate side dish. Kale’s popularity is rising, and with good reason – it’s super rich in vitamins A, C and K. Plus, research has shown that dark, leafy greens, like kale, pack a wide range of cancer-fighting carotenoids such as lutein and zeaxanthin. Pair with whole-wheat pasta shells and flavor with garlic and red pepper for a delicious addition to the table.

Ingredients

1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
5 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes (or to taste)
10-12 cups pre-washed baby kale, loosely packed, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium vegetable broth
1 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese
8 oz. small whole-wheat pasta shells, cooked to package directions
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Makes 4 servings (about 1 1/4 cup per serving). Per serving: 210 calories, 7 g total fat (1 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 0 mg cholesterol, 33 g carbohydrates, 12 g protein, 8 g dietary



Provided photo

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fiber, 250 mg sodium, 4 g sugar, 0 g added sugar.

Directions

In large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Sauté garlic with red pepper flakes for about 2 minutes. Stir in broth and half the greens, season to taste with salt and pepper. Increase heat to medium-high,

cover, and cook until greens wilt, about 3 minutes. Stir in remaining greens, cover and cook an additional 12 minutes or until greens are tender. Stir occasionally.

Place cooked, drained pasta in saucepan. Add greens mixture and gently toss until well combined.

Sprinkle with cheese and serve.

Naples’ beloved pizza is back after coronavirus shutdown eases

By GIUSEPPE CARFORA and NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

NAPLES, Italy — Wood is burning again in Naples’ pizza ovens, giving a symbolic and savory boost to Neapolitans after a two-month coronavirus lockdown meant an end to their most iconic and favorite food.

Pizzerias reopened Monday night in the birthplace of pizza, albeit under restrictions and for home delivery only.

Whereas pizzerias in Rome and elsewhere were allowed to operate for takeout and delivery service, they were banned in Naples out of fear that such a congested, high-density city could fast become a new hot spot for COVID-19 infections.

The governor of the surrounding Campania region, Vincenzo De Luca, enforced strict lockdown measures, knowing that Campania’s hospitals couldn’t handle a major influx of sick. In the

end, Campania had a relatively manageable outbreak of about 4,300 people infected, half of whom didn’t need to be hospitalized.

With Italy as whole gradually reopening, De Luca lifted bans on pizza deliveries as well as home deliveries from bars, pastry shops, ice-cream parlors and restaurants.

“Surely this is a little restart for the entrepreneurs, important for us and for our region, our city and our nation,” said Giovanni Pezzuto, owner of a Neapolitan pizzeria. “This is a symbol of hope for the little firm that slowly can restart.”

It’s not a total reopening, however. Customers can only place orders by phone – not in person – and all business must close at 10 p.m. The pizzerias have to be cleaned regularly and workers must wear gloves and masks.

Vincenzo Capuano, owner of pizzeria Capuano, said even the partial reopening will help Campania’s economy because all his ingredi-


ents are sourced locally.

“To make pizza I have to buy the local flour from Naples, (local) San Marzano tomatoes, I have to buy the potatoes, the onions,” he said.


Without this support to the local economy, “after the health crisis we could have a much worse economic crisis,” he added.

Italy was the first country in the West to be slammed by the outbreak and has registered more than 26,000 fatalities, the highest in Europe. Italy’s epicenter, however, was based in the northern region of Lombardy. Officials say Campania, in the south, and regions closer to the foot of the boot-shaped Italian peninsula were largely spared because the government locked down the whole country in time.

Nationwide, bars and restaurants are expected to be allowed to reopen in June for in-house service, but only with strict social-distancing and sanitation measures in place.



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How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar for dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at:

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